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Volume 1 addresses the problematic issues found in Phase I of the Interior Design Master Plan regarding planning, specifications and applications of interior building materials, finishes and lighting necessary to complete interior architecture features and is considered part of the Structural Interior Design (SID). The recommendations herein provide maximum flexibility, are environmentally friendly and enhance the building architecture. The design objectives of this Volume are:

- To introduce MEDCOM standards for interior building materials, finishes and lighting;
- To provide guidelines for enhancing the facility's public image;
- To provide examples of products and typical finishes by space or room type;
- To provide "troubleshooting" guidance on recurring or pervasive problems.

All recommendations support a consistent and coordinated design approach as developed in Volumes 2 and 3 and respond to the following deficiencies noted in Phase I:

- Lack of sense of space and place;
- Non-standardization of materials and finishes;
- Inappropriate use of finishes and design elements;
- Lack of visual organization;
- Outdated appearance;
- High maintenance requirements;
- Uncomfortable and unfriendly environment;
- Materials and finishes in disrepair and in need of replacement.

Examples of Phase I Findings



Lack of Sense of Space and Place: The absence of wayfinding elements, such as color accent tiles in corridors makes it difficult to differentiate locations within the facilities.



Non-Standardized Materials and Finishes: The use of too much color and texture overwhelm the space and too little texture and color makes the surroundings seem lifeless.



Inappropriate Use of Materials and Finishes: Cubicle curtains as window treatments in a conference setting is inappropriate.



Lack of Visual Organization: Random selection and application of products contribute to the breakdown of visual organization.

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Outdated Appearance: The use of “trendy” colors and styles dates the facility’s appearance.



Hard to Maintain: Scuff marks on vinyl composition tile from chair casters rolling across the bare floor are difficult to remove.



Uncomfortable and Unfriendly Environments: Cracked and worn finishes contribute to an unwelcoming environment. Oversized plants interfere with seating.



Materials Need Replacement: Cracked wall protection causes a safety hazard and visually makes the facility seem unkempt.

